

Remarks/Arguments:

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated March 15, 2007. Also enclosed is a petition for a two-month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested. This amendment is made solely to put the application in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's findings.

Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claim 30 for its use of the term "second wider band". This claim has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, such that "second wider band" has been replaced with "range of 3-12 microns". This amendment should overcome the objection to claim 30, and thus - per paragraph 5 of the OA - become allowable.

Rewritten in independent form

The Examiner noted that claim 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all the limitations of their base and intervening claims.

The base claim for claim 29 is claim 1, and there are no intervening claims. For simplicity, rather than rewrite claim 29 as an independent claim, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 29. Thus, claim 1 should be allowable as amended. Claim 29 has been canceled.

Rejection of claims under 35 USC 103(a)

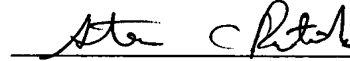
Claims 1, 6-7, 10-12 and 27-28 were rejected as obvious over a patent publication by Gasser et al. ("Gasser") in combination with a patent issued to Payne ("Payne").

Claim 1 has been amended as explained above, to incorporate the limitation of claim 29, and should therefore be allowable.

The amended claim 1 is the parent of each of claims 6-7, 10-12 and 27-28, all of which should be allowable along with claim 1.

All of the claims presently in the application are believed to be patentably distinct with respect to the cited art and to otherwise be in proper form for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,



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